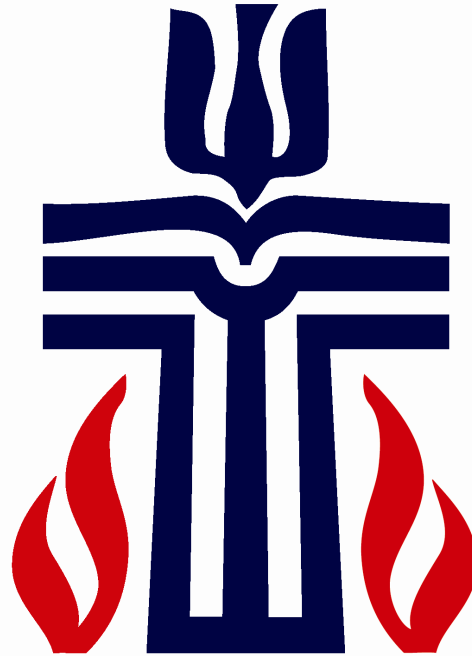


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2009



The seal of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission. The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, the Scriptures, the dove, and flames. The dominant structural and theological element in the design is the cross - the universal and most ecumenical symbol of the Christian church. The upper two horizontal lines of the cross represent an open Bible, highlighting the emphasis that the Reformed tradition has placed on the role of Scripture as a means of knowing God's word. The uppermost section of the cross is in the shape of a descending dove, a symbol for the Holy Spirit. It is intimately tied to the representation of the Bible, affirming the role of the Spirit in both inspiring and interpreting Scripture. Beneath the image of the book is the suggestion of a lectern or pulpit, which captures the important role of preaching in the history of Presbyterian worship. The flames in the lower part of the design form an implied triangle, a traditional symbol of the Trinity. The flames themselves convey a double meaning: a symbol of the burning bush from which God spoke to Moses, and the flames of Pentecost. The inner part of the representation of the dove at the top of the cross is a fish, an early Christian symbol for Christ. The inner part of the lower part of the cross suggests a baptismal font or an Communion chalice. In 1 Corinthians, Paul described the church as a body with many members, illustrating the pluralism of the church and the many gifts God gives to us. So also, the seal's individual parts, when taken together, form a visual and symbolic unity.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

DAVID HAWKINS, PIANO

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ OPENING SENTENCES

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies never come to an end.
The mercies of God are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord!*

✠ HYMN NO. 466 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.**

**My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

✠ CALL TO CONFESSION

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*When in our faith we fail you, O God, serving lesser things with the devotion
that belongs only to you,*

Lord have mercy on us.

*When our hope evaporates, and we fear each new day,
forgetting that you have already defeated the powers that cause us to despair,
Christ, have mercy upon us.*

When we take your love for granted, or act as if we deserve it,
or hoard it for ourselves, or resist the transformation it demands,
Lord have mercy upon us.

God of faith, hope, and love, forgive our sin and cleanse us.

By your Spirit make us new. Free us to live in obedience and trust,
sharing the gift of new life through Jesus Christ our redeemer....

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✠ KYRIE

HYMN NO. 574

ARR. DAVID N. JOHNSON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

✠ RESPONSE

SING, PRAISE, AND BLESS THE LORD

TAIZÉ



Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Peoples!



Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

PSALM 130

ABERYSTWYTH

(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 151.)

EPISTLE LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS: 8:7-15

PAGE 175, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

THE JESUS CARD

CATHERINE NEELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN NO. 457

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

TOULON

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art, My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee, That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee; Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, That in Thy strength we evermore
endure.

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, 1562

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we

forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

What is the "Offertory" and what does "At the Presentation" mean?

Everything comes from God. The "Offertory" is our time for giving our gifts to God in response to all God has given us. We give our time, our money, and ourselves. The music played at this time is also an offering to God. "At the Presentation" is the ritual and song of thanksgiving and worship as we symbolically bring all these gifts to God.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please locate, sign and pass the Friendship Pad so we can greet each other by name.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN NO. 414

AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRSTFRUITS BROUGHT

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought Of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering To God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us To make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, All life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust We bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave yourself to us In Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day Until life's work is done.

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 432

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

DAVID HAWKINS, PIANO



Summer Studies 2009 What's Christian About Learning? *Education as a Human Right* May 31 - August 30

Each of the three months during the summer, the series will focus on a theme relating to What's Christian About Learning? *Education as a Human Right*

- ◆ The Crisis in Education
- ◆ New Directions and Solutions
- ◆ Challenges for the Church

Nina Gilbert, Head of School at Ivy Preparatory Academy, *Elizabeth Marshall*, participant in Teach for America; *Mark E. Weston*, national education strategist for Dell, Inc.; *Rob Stewart*, President and CEO of The Quality Group; *David A. Jackson*, President, CEO of The Center for Working Families, Inc; *Chuck Bowen*, executive director, Outreach and Advocacy Center; *Mary Nix Hollowell*, associate professor of education, field experiences coordinator, Clayton State University, *Theresa Brower*, deputy director of the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice; *Sekayi Stringer*, Director of Central's Child Development Center; *Dr. Beverly L. Hall* superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools, *Pat Willis*, executive director of VOICES for Georgia's Children; *Brad Bryant*, Georgia State Board of Education, *Katherine Bryant*, Young Adult Volunteers of PCUSA; *Brian Blount*, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Those who are able, please stand.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Our liturgists today are Caroline Kelly, Erika Rembert, and Lynn Turnage.

Our lector today is Anne Huss.

We thank guest pianist David Hawkins who is substituting while Michael Morgan is away.

Michael Morgan will be participating in an organ seminar in England and playing the historic instruments at the cathedrals of Salisbury, Bristol, and Ely, along with Blenheim Palace and the Temple Church in London.

Gary Charles is on sabbatical leave until August 22, 2009. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Caroline Kelly or the church office (404-659-0274).

David VanderMeer, Director of Music Ministries, is at the Music and Worship Conference in Montreat, NC.

The Chancel Choir is on recess June 21 – August 16. They will return to the loft on Sunday August 23. Choir Camp is the weekend of August 28-30. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir contact Dave VanderMeer at dvandermeer@cpcatlanta.org.

The catechetical-style portion of our service in which children ask questions and the community answers teach us about our faith and worship together. During this time our children will lead us by asking questions as we learn about the portions of our service of worship. Will Wilson represents the children this morning.

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, June 28

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Lunch

Monday, June 29

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions

Rand Chapel

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 1

No events scheduled

Thursday, July 2

10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, July 3

Church offices closed

Saturday, July 4

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 5

9:45 a.m. BLAST -
Children's Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Summer Studies

Atrium

11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Caroline Kelly preaching

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Movement Choir

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Deanna Robbins, captain
Kelly Bray ▪ Mary Sidney Harbert
Chuck Bowen ▪ Bettye Russell
Terry Tusher ▪ Wills Moore

Counters

Doris Beachy
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith
Bill Crosland, Sr.

Cashier

Mary Elizabeth Pope

Sound Engineer

Thomas Banyai

Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan - Virginia Knight
Washington Street - Fred Russell

Deacons of the Day

Marcia Hunter ▪ Marci Bozeman

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Kristeen Sorrells ▪ Marlene Zwier

Greeters

Daphne & Michael Evans
Sherry & Ken Finch
Bill & Martha Kimes

Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infant & Toddler Room
Andrea and Ashley Bruce

Preschool and Pre-K Room
Larry & Kate Mosley

VISITORS

WELCOME ALL

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about Central or about joining Central please contact Debbie Miller at dmiller@cpcatlanta.org or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

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